

Florence Deneen is one of the leading spirits, has recommended Rothman for reappointment, and that if anybody has tried to influence Mayor Thompson in making his appointments it is the Teachers' League, which is hostile to the Teachers' Federation.

The loop press, which was hostile to Mayor Thompson at the Republican primaries and supported Deneen's candidate, Judge Olsen, and then supported Sweltzer, the Democratic candidate, is now fathering the fight on the Teachers' Federation; and the members of the school board who play Republican politics with the Deneen-West faction are leading the fight in the school board.

The federation didn't expect hostility from Mayor Thompson, and was surprised when the Tribune reporter sent that interview with the mayor from New York. The teachers are playing a waiting game. Yesterday's meeting was to show Mayor Thompson and the public and all friends of the public school the truth at the bottom of the fight on the federation.

Miss Haley, business agent of the Chicago Teachers' Federation, spoke at the Public Ownership league meeting and told how and why Big Business was trying to get its clutch upon the public schools. It was Big Business, said Miss Haley, that kicked up the war on the teachers because it wanted to discredit the Teachers' Federation. It knew it could never attain its foul objects while the federation had the life to fight.

In detail, and with documentary evidence in her hand, Miss Haley showed how Big Business had for a score of years tried by use of intrigue and cash to win or buy the public schools into its control.

Rothman's name suffered.

"I speak principally of Mr. Rothman," said Miss Haley, "because he engineered the whole plot to destroy the Teachers' Federation. Jacob Loeb is only Rothman's goat."

Rothman's professional and political alignments put Mayor Thompson in a peculiar political position. Rothman is law partner and close pal of Roy G. West, national committeeman.

There is a feeling among some politicians that Thompson by his recent utterances against organization of municipal employees is nullifying the good effect gained with labor by his stand in the street car men's arbitration. Mention of his name at the meeting yesterday was signal for a prolonged demonstration against him.

Getting back to Miss Haley and her exposition of Big Business. She told how the Teachers' Federation had almost single handed forced the municipal ownership vote in Chicago and the initiative and referendum vote in the state. Both of these issues were carried by huge majorities and now the teachers were endeavoring to find why council and legislature had not abided by the will of the people. She told of the fight of the teachers against the tax amendment which Big Business has tried to put over at every legislature in recent years. This amendment would increase taxes of small home owners and lessen that of corporations.

"At the last session of the legislature I was in Springfield working in favor of the amendment to the Juul law," said Miss Haley. "Lewis Larson, secretary of the school board, asked me to throw my influence in favor of the tax amendment. It was a scheme whereby I was to trade support for the tax amendment for support to the Juul law. I refused to traffic in the welfare of the state.

"Because I have always stood in the way of steals, the men who want to loot want me out of the way. They believe that if they can take me from the federation or the federation from me that it will be easy for them to consummate their nefarious